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In re application of:
Nikols et al.

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Filed: December 22, 1999

For: COMPUTER DIRECTORY
SYSTEM HAVING AN
APPLICATION INTEGRATION
DRIVER INFRASTRUCTURE

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 4, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 8. Please amend claims 7, 9, 13, and 15.

1. (Original) A method for interfacing a directory to an application in a computing system, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a transformation profile for defining a predetermined format for use by the application;

detecting an event in the directory;

transforming the event to the predetermined format by using a transformation tool and the transformation profile; and

providing the transformed event to the application;

whereby the application becomes aware of the event by having the event provided to the application in a transformed state.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

converting the event to a generic data description before transforming the event.



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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following regarding the above-identified patent application:

1. Response and Amendment in response to December 4, 2002 Office Action;
2. Transmittal sheet in duplicate; and
3. Return postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the papers submitted herewith or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Respectfully submitted,

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